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Sir:

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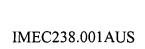
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action mailed November 5, 2003, the Examiner imposed a Restriction Requirement. In connection therewith, the Examiner asserted that the application claimed the following inventions: Claims 1-15, drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device (Group I); and Claims 16-30, drawn to a semiconductor device (Group II).

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, including Claims 1-15, drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device, without traverse and without prejudice. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if it is desirable to discuss any issues raised in this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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